SC and ST beneficiaries from National SCs and STs Finance and Development Corporation

865. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the SC and ST beneficiaries who have been sanctioned loans from National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation during 2000-2001 and 2001 till date;

(b) the number of SCs and STs refused loans; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Rs. 15493.58 lakhs to 45296 SC and 7565 ST beneficiaries and Rs. 6199.43 lakhs to 12838 SC and 188 ST beneficiaries have been provided by the National SC and ST Finance and Development Corporation during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 respectively. Following bifurcation of the old Corporation to two Corporations, National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation has sanctioned Rs. 1847.08 lakhs to 1113 ST beneficiaries during 2001-2002 in addition. (up to October 2001).

(b) and (c) The National Corporations provide loan to the SC/ST beneficiaries through the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) nominated by respective State/ UTs. The loan is disbursed to eligible SC andST beneficiaries as per guidelines by the SCAs. Details on sanction and/or rejection of individual cases are dealt and maintained by the SCAs concerned.

Funds for Old Age Homes to Andhra Pradesh

866. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided funds to Andhra Pradesh for providing Old Age Homes and any specific action plan for the Welfare of Senior Citizens in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) The Government provides funds to Non Governmental Organizations of Andhra Pradesh for providing old age homes under the two schemes applicable throughout the country. The two schemes are

(i) Plan scheme of an Integrated Programme for Older persons, and (ii) Non-Plan Scheme of Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Voluntary Organisations/ Self Help Groups for construction of Old Age Homes/Multi Service Centres for Older Persons.

(b) The year wise financial assistance given to the Non Governmental Organizations in the State of Andhra Pradesh is Rs. 197.98 lakhs, Rs. 310.69 lakhs and Rs. 341.29 lakhs for the year 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively.

(c) Total number of 133 non-governmental organizations of Andhra Pradesh have been assisted so far for 173 projects of old age homes, day care centres, mobile medicare units and non institutional service centres.

Senior Citizens and Old Age Homes

867. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Senior Citizens in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of senior citizens expected to be added during the next ten years, State-wise;

(c) whether State Governments have constructed Old Age Homes;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) the financial assistance provided to each State during the last five years and expected to be provided during the next ten years; and

(f) the procedure under which senior citizens are provided help by Government?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The State-wise position of senior citizens, as per the Census of India 1991 is given in Statement-I. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Yes. Their details are maintained by the State Governments.

(e) The financial assistance provided to each state during the last five years is given in statement-II and III. (*See* below)

The financial assistance to be provided during the next ten years would depend on Budget available.

(f) The Government give financial assistance through Plan and Non-Plan Schemes.